Anti-Slavery Office,
New York, 25 April, 1862.

Dear Garrison,

I hope there will be no feeling of rivalry as to the Tuesday evening & Wednesday evening meetings. Our City Society is willing to sink entirely out of sight if that is deemed best; and indeed, since Mr. May so earnestly insists that Phillips must speak at both sessions of the Am. Society, I am for-

Pray fix the matter definitely, as that I can advertise speakers in the daily papers. I have written to Parker Pillsbury to be with us on Monday. Yrs

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ny that any arrangement has been made for Wednesday evening. You know that for two or three years Phillips & Tilton have spoken together on Wednesday evening; and when I asked Tilton to speak this year, he consented on condition that P. should speak with him. I am afraid to intimate to him now even a doubt as to the arrangement, lest he should back down entirely, and leave me in the lurch.

If Phillips will agree to to make three speeches—one at each public session, very well; everything will work right; but if he can speak but twice, I think the best effect for the cause would be produced by letting him, as heretofore, make the concluding speech of the week, thus making the fit climax of the week's proceedings. Don't let us taper-off at the end.

Having said this, I cheerfully leave the matter to

you and Mr. May, with great confidence in your judgment, and distrust of my own if found in conflict with yours. If you must have P. on Tuesday evening and he will not promise to speak also on Wednesday evening (I think he ought to be consulted), will you agree to speak with Tilton? If you say yes, I should hope that Tilton would not make the change in the programme an excuse for declining.

Yours, faithfully,

Oliver Johnson